REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain in this application. Claims 16-17 have been added.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact OSRAM SYLVANIA at (978) 777-1900.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

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